

**Warden Message  
US Embassy Lusaka  
October 1, 2006**

**This message is intended for all American citizens visiting or residing in Zambia. Since some people may not have provided e-mail addresses to the Consular Section, I would like to ask the wardens to please distribute the following notice to all American citizens within your registration zone as soon as possible. Thank you.**

The U.S. Embassy advises Americans living and traveling in Zambia that there have been confirmed reports of protests and demonstrations on Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1 by political party activists in Lusaka and major cities in the Copperbelt following the September 28 national elections. On Sunday large groups of demonstrators gathered outside the Election Results Center at the Mulungushi Conference Center in Lusaka, in the area near the Arcades and Manda Hills shopping centers. While some of the demonstrations have been peaceful, others have resulted in police response, including the use of tear gas. Unconfirmed reports indicate that shots were fired near the Arcades center. In addition, there have been violent protests in the downtown area near Cairo Road, City Market, and the Kulima Tower. Other violent demonstrations have broken out in high-density low-income residential compounds in Lusaka. The Embassy advises Americans to specifically avoid the area around the Election Center while results are being announced in the next two days, and to follow closely local media reports. Major political party offices are downtown, and Americans are also advised to avoid the downtown center if possible during the next few days.

The Embassy reminds American citizens to avoid any demonstrations, rallies, marches, or large gatherings associated with political events. The U.S. Embassy provides the following general security advice during this period:

- Keep informed of all events planned in and around your area.
- Avoid political gatherings such as demonstrations and rallies.
- Similarly, avoid all large gatherings, as these may occur without prior planning and problems could develop spontaneously.
- Be aware that government buildings, universities, monuments and other general meeting places can become focal points for problems.
- Avoid partisan activities, or behavior that could be construed as partisan.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Eastern time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy is located at the corner of Independence and United Nations Avenues. The mailing address is P.O. Box 31617, Lusaka, Zambia. U.S. citizens may contact the American Embassy during regular work hours, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 5 PM, and on Friday from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM by dialing 260-1-250-955. For after hours emergencies involving American citizens, please dial 260-1-250-955 extension 1. The fax number is 260-1-252-225. The website is: <http://zambia.usembassy.gov>.